

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST
MCCALL AND NEW MEADOWS RANGER DISTRICTs

ROAD AND AREA RESTRICTIONS
Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Parking Lot

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited **from November 1 through May 1** on the Road and Area described in this Order, all within the administrative boundaries of the McCall and New Meadows Ranger Districts, Payette National Forest.

1. Parking overnight at the Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Parking Lot. **36 CFR 261.58(g)**
2. Exceeding combined vehicle and trailer length of 54 feet at the Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Parking Lot. **36 CFR 261.56**
3. Operating an over-snow vehicle on the Thorn Creek Snowmobile Route from Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Parking to Goose Creek Overlook in excess of posted speed limits (20 MPH). **36 CFR 261.54(d)**
4. Using an over-snow vehicle at the Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Parking lot and trailhead that exceeds noise emissions for that developed recreation site. **36 CFR 261.56**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

AREA and ROAD DESCRIBED:

Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Parking Area: A parking lot located within Township 19 North, Range 2 East, Section 12.

Thorn Creek Snowmobile Route: located on National Forest System Road #257 from the Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Trailhead Parking Lot located within Township 19 North, Range 2 East, Section 12 continuing approximately 2.5 miles to Goose Creek Overlook located within Township 20 North, Range 2 East, Section 36.

The Area and Road described above are shown on the map attached hereto as exhibit A and are within the administrative boundaries of the McCall and New Meadows Ranger District, Payette National Forest, Adams County, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

DEFINITIONS:

Snowmobile noise emissions for the Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Trailhead Parking Lot—Maximum noise emissions for snowmobile use (at either idle or moving) at this developed recreation site shall not exceed a sound rating threshold of 88 decibels at 4 meters (13 feet).

Over-snow vehicle – A motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/or a ski or skis, while in use over snow. 36 CFR 212.1

PURPOSE:

To provide for public health and safety related to noise and to reduce user conflicts at high use winter recreation areas.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect through **May 1, 2029**.
2. A map identifying the above-described road is attached to and made part of this Order.
3. Any violation of this order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
4. This Order supersedes any previous Order or restriction(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this Order, on the road covered by this Order.
5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the McCall District Office, McCall, ID, 208-634-0400, Payette National Forest Supervisor's Office, McCall, ID, 208-634-0700 or at the New Meadows District Office, New Meadows, ID, 208-347-0300.

Done at McCall, Idaho this 31 day of October, 2019.



TAWNYA BRUMMETT
Acting Forest Supervisor
Payette National Forest

ASSESSMENT OF NEED AND ENFORCEMENT PLAN GORDON TITUS UPPER ELEVATION PARKING AREA RESTRICTIONS

Background and Intent:

The previous special order # 302 was signed in 1999 to implement the 1998 Upper Elevation Winter Recreation Parking Area Decision that authorized construction and operation of the Upper Elevation Winter Recreation Parking Area, also known as the Goose Creek Falls Trailhead Parking area and the Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Parking area. This decision included issuing a seasonal special order relating to the use of Goose Lake Road, the Thorn Creek Snowmobile Route and the Goose Creek Falls Trailhead Parking Area. Because of change in jurisdiction of the Goose Lake Road out of Forest Service control, the Special Order needed to be updated to reflect that change in jurisdiction. Additionally, the referenced decibel level in the Decision has been updated to a sound level threshold of 88 decibels at 4 meters (13 feet) which, due to the logarithmic nature of sound levels, corresponds to the '78 decibels at 50-feet' sound law. The result is that illegally altered exhaust systems can now be identified with an enforcement tool that is safe to administer in the field.

Over-Snow Restriction Plan

This Order implements the seasonal Road and Area prohibitions that will restrict use of the Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Parking Lot and the Thorn Creek Snowmobile Route from Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Parking to Goose Creek Overlook annually from November 1st through May 1st. It removes the vehicle length restriction on Goose Lake Road.

Monitoring:

Included in this road and area restriction plan is continued monitoring of the effectiveness of the closure. The Payette National Forest proposes to monitor the following items each season while the Special Order is in effect. Each season, the following will be reviewed:

1. Is the Special Order being implemented as planned? Is the parking area adequate for accommodating the seasonal use?
2. Did the Special Order facilitate the safety of all recreation users?

Enforcement Plan:

The Forest will have information regarding the closure, including maps on display at kiosks that are in place at West Face and Gordon Titus Upper Elevation Parking lots, as well as other portals where recreationists congregate. The Payette National Forest Winter Travel Map which is handed out to winter recreationists also will summarize and display these restrictions.

The Forest Service OHV rangers and Law Enforcement Officers will patrol the area, as well as continue to provide outreach and education at the parking lot. Additionally, the agency will provide information to businesses and other interested parties regarding the Special Order.

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed Order	District Recreation Staff/District LEO	9/17/2019
Review proposed Order	Supervisory LEO	10/11/2019
Review proposed Order	RO RE&I and OGC	10/11/2019
Post Order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	When Signed
Prepare news release for local media describing the Order and management objectives	District Recreation Staff and Forest PAO	As Needed
Compliance and Educational contacts will be made throughout closure time-period	Appropriate Staff (LEO/Field going staff)	Ongoing

Plan approved for Implementation:

TAWNYA BRUMMETT
Acting Forest Supervisor
Payette National Forest

10/31/19
DATE

EXHIBIT A

USDA Forest Service, Payette National Forest



Payette National Forest New Meadows Ranger District; Snowmobile Parking Area Restrictions. Order Number: 0412-543



